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H. R. 4177

To amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to designate Federal special security zones at airports, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 14, 2007

Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mr. ROSKAM, and Mr. LAHOOD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Airport Security En-
5 hancement Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL SPECIAL SECURITY ZONES AT AIRPORTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 44903 of title 49, United
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(m) FEDERAL SPECIAL SECURITY ZONES.—

6 “(1) DESIGNATION.—The Assistant Secretary
7 of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Ad-
8 ministration) may designate an area of an airport
9 described in subsection (c) as a Federal Special Se-
10 curity Zone if the Assistant Secretary determines
11 that maintaining restricted access to the area in ac-
12 cordance with the requirements of this subsection is
13 critical to transportation security.

14 “(2) INCLUDED AREAS.—Areas designated as
15 Federal Special Security Zones under paragraph (1)
16 may include tarmacs, aircraft, baggage handling
17 areas, baggage loading areas, and such other areas
18 as the Assistant Secretary determines appropriate.

19 “(3) RESTRICTED ACCESS.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Sec-
21 retary shall implement procedures to allow ac-
22 cess to an area designated as a Federal Special
23 Security Zone under paragraph (1) only to an
24 individual who requires access to the area for
25 employment purposes and who has obtained a

1 badge from the Assistant Secretary authorizing
2 access to the area.

3 “(B) ELIGIBILITY FOR BADGES.—The As-
4 sistant Secretary may issue a badge to an indi-
5 vidual allowing access to an area designated as
6 a Federal special security zone under paragraph
7 (1) only if—

8 “(i) the individual is—

9 “(I) a national of the United
10 States, as defined in paragraph (22)
11 of section 101(a) of the Immigration
12 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
13 1101(a)); or

14 “(II) an alien lawfully admitted
15 for permanent residence, as defined in
16 paragraph (20) of such section;

17 “(ii) the individual has a valid social
18 security account number that applies only
19 to the individual; and

20 “(iii) the eligibility of the individual
21 for employment has been verified under the
22 basic pilot program described in section
23 403(a) of the Illegal Immigration Reform
24 and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996
25 (8 U.S.C. 1324a note).

1 “(C) LIMITATION.—A badge or other cre-
2 dential issued by a State or political subdivision
3 of a State may not be used to gain access to
4 an area designated as a Federal special security
5 zone under paragraph (1).”.

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